वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार वर्ष 1989, 1990 तथा 1991 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में स्वापक औषधों की तस्करी के मामलों की संख्या क्रमशः 1250,566 तथा 1088 है।

पकड़े गए स्वापक औषधों का ब्यौरा (किलोग्राम में) निम्न प्रकार है :—

	1989	1990	1991
अफीम	201	166	71
मारफीन	6	2	1
हेरोइन	34	13	10
गांजा	1202	89	957
हशीश	902	475	187
कोकीन	—	—	—
मेथाक्वालोन	4	—	0.250

(ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्ष 1989, 1990 तथा 1991 में शुरू किए गए अभियोजनों की संख्या क्रमशः 647, 618 तथा 1584 है। इनमें पिछले वर्षों में पता लगे मामले भी शामिल हैं।

(ग) कथित वर्षों में उत्तर प्रदेश में पकड़े गए नशीले पदार्थों का कोई निपटान नहीं किया गया। कानून के अनुसार, इन्हें जब्त करने वाली सम्बंधित एजेंसी द्वारा अदालत के आदेश प्राप्त करने के बाद नष्ट किया जाता होता है।

Income-tax relief to domestic companies making supplies for Export Production

2285. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Govt's consideration to grant some income-tax relief to domestic companies making supplies for export production; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal under Government's consideration at present to grant any income-tax relief to domestic companies making supplies for export production. Under the existing provisions of the Income-tax Act supporting manufacturers supplying goods to recognised Export House or Trading House can claim deduction under section 80HHC to the extent the Export House disclaims the tax concession due to it.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Amount deployed by Public Sector Undertakings in standard Chartered Bank

2286. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated amount deployed by the Public Sector Undertakings in Stanchart, so far;

(b) whether the amount deployed was in violation of banking rules and norms; and

(c) if so, the circumstances under which the PSUs deployed the funds in Stanchart in violation of the rules ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) As per the information furnished to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by the Standard Chartered Bank, the following amounts were deployed by public sector undertakings during 1991 and 1992 (upto June, 1992) under the Port-

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folio Management Scheme (PMS) and other schemes :—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount
1991	460.60
1992 (upto June 1992)	884.41

(The above are cumulative amounts which include roll over of the same amount, if any.)

(b) and (c) The bank's transactions relating to securities and PMS are under RBI's scrutiny.

Upgradation of Cities/Towns for purpose of grant of HRA to Central Government Employees

2287. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) What is the policy being followed by Government for upgradation of cities/towns for the purpose of grant of HRA to Central Government employees, based on population; and

(b) What is the recommendation of central pay commission on the subject as accepted by Government and whether there is any change in the policy from one pay commission to the other ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) : (a) In accordance with the existing policy, cities/towns are classified/upgraded for the purpose of grant of HRA to Central Government employees on the basis of the population, obtaining within their municipal area, as reflected in the final population figures of a decennial census. The existing classification and the requisite population marks are as follows :—

Classification of cities/towns	Population
'A' class	over 16 lakhs
'B-1' class	over 8 lakhs but not exceeding 16 lakhs.
'B-2' class	above 4 lakhs but not exceeding 8 lakhs
'C' class	above 50,000 but not exceeding 4 lakhs.

(b) The 4th Central Pay Commission recommended that the existing system of payment of House Rent Allowance with reference to classification of cities based on population may continue. The earlier Central Pay Commissions had also recommended classification of cities on the basis of population.

Exchange of Cabin baggage to avoid Detection by Customs

2288. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers en route to Bombay from Bangkok on Air India flight No. 339 on the 17th September, 1992 exchanged their cabin baggage with other passengers who had boarded the flight in Delhi to avoid detection by custom officials as reported in the Mid Day, Bombay of the 21st October, 1992 under the caption 'Strange Customs';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) No such flight AI-339 operated on the Bangkok-Delhi-Bombay route on 17-09-1992. Such a flight, however, did operate on 19-09-1992 but no such incident as narrated in the news item is reported to have taken place.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to Part(a) above.

Tax arrears from Industrial Houses

2289. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the big industrial houses that have still not paid tax for the assessment year 1990-91; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) The